



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee held at the City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, on, January 13, 2003.

Members Present

Robert Hawkins, Chairperson
Steve Bromberg Mayor
Barry Allen
Gary Borquez
Gus Chabre
Gale Demmer
Barry Eaton, Vice Chairman
Carol Hoffman
Tom Hyans
Elaine Linhoff

Phillip Lugar
Jim Miller
Marge Pantzar
Nancy Raney
Richard Rivett
Cris Trapp
Louis Von Dyl
Christopher Welsh
Jennifer Winn

Staff Representatives

Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager

Niki Kallikounis, Department Assistant

Members Not Present

John Heffernan, Council Member
Laura Dietz

Ray Halowski
Richard Oberitter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Barry Eaton **moved** to approve the minutes with a change. A committee member seconded the **motion**. **Motion** passes.
2. Discussion of John Wayne Settlement Agreement and Correspondence from the FAA – Robert Burnham, City Attorney

Robert Burnham presented a brief history of the Settlement Agreement and noted that the City Council, SPON, the Airport Working Group and the County approved amendments to the Settlement Agreement consistent with Scenario I., which is a 9.8 million annual passenger cap; a 10-year extension, the term of the Agreement would go out to 2015, although the curfew provisions extended out to 2020; an increase in noise regulated departures from 73 (current level) to 85; passenger departures with an increase of 2 cargo flights, currently there are 2 cargo operations out of JWA and the Board changed Scenario I to make it 4 cargo flights; an increase from the current 14 gates to 18 gates, and the increases in flights and passengers engaged would be effective January 1, 2003. The Agreement that was reached June 25 was reached without input from the FAA or the air carriers.

Late in August, as a result of a series of discussions that occurred in the middle of August, the air carriers came to the County and stated they would be willing to support the issuance of a letter by the FAA that would confirm that the amendments are



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consistent with the Airport Noise Capacity Act, if some changes were made to Scenario I. The Council, SPON, Airport Working Group and the County collectively determined that an appropriate response to the air carrier offer would be to agree to increase the number of gates to 20; a phased increase in passengers to 10.3 starting January 1, 2003, and 10.8 starting January 1, 2011; and reject the proposed increase in noise regulated departures. The air carriers ultimately accepted that proposal.

A request letter to the FAA was prepared, signed by the Airport Director. On December 10th, the City Council, SPON, the County and the Airport Working Group all approved execution of the amended Settlement Agreement to deal with the new passenger cap and the new gates that were authorized. On December 31, 2002, the City received a letter from the FAA, stating that all parties met their requirements in terms of insuring that the amendments and future amendments of the Settlement Agreement would be consistent with and permitted by the Airport Noise and Capacity Act, and that they would not violate grant assurances the County made over time and not violate other Federal laws.

3. Report of Subcommittee on Costa Mesa Plaza Residence Project Draft Environment Impact Report

Cris Trapp reviewed the comments from the subcommittee and **moved** to accept the comments as written and forward the comments to the City Staff. Phillip Lugar seconded the **motion**.

After discussion, the committee made some changes and additions in the comments. Jim Miller offered a **substitute motion** to delete the comments in the last paragraph in Public Utilities. Gale Demmer seconded the **motion**. **Motion** passes.

There was some confusion as the clarity of the **substitute motion**. Jim Miller **moved** to delete paragraph 4 on page 9. Cris Trapp seconded the motion. **Motion** passes. One opposed.

Barry Eaton **moved** to approve the document with the paragraph deleted and with the corrections on the noise. Jim Miller seconded the **motion**. **Motion** passes.

4. Report from Communications Subcommittee: EQAC Material on City Website

Continued to the next EQAC meeting.

5. Report from EQAC Members on GPUC

Barry Eaton reported that GPUC has not met in January and reported on the subcommittee meeting.



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6. Report from EQAC Members on GPAC

Phillip Lugar reported that there was no meeting because they are waiting for GPUC.

7. Report on LCP and Information on Subcommittee

Chairman Hawkins reported that EQAC has formed an LCP subcommittee.

Mayor Bromberg reported that the LCP draft would probably be ready in about two weeks.

8. Council Member Reports

Mayor Bromberg reported that he would be making committee appointments at the next Council meeting, and that Richard Nichols will be assigned to EQAC.

9. Public Comments

Mr. Friedman, a resident of Newport Beach, addressed EQAC about a noise issue at the Westcliff Plaza

10. Future Agenda Items

Historic preservation programs available – Mills Act
Presentation to EQAC on the San Joaquin Hills Reservoir by IRWD on March 17, 2003
Great Park EIR will be available at the end of January
Meeting at Council Chambers discussion

11. Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.